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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/548,213

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Pia F. Tibbits

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2003 and 04 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 101-112, 118-129 and 148-199 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 101-112, 118-129 and 148-199 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/578,805.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in answer to the amendment filed June 30, 2003 and the IDS filed 5/4/2006. The *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed January 29, 2003 is withdrawn. Claims 1-10, 101-112, 118-129, 148-199 remain of record.

Oath/Declaration

1. In accordance with **37 CFR 1.175(b)(1)**, a supplemental reissue oath/declaration under **37 CFR 1.175(b)(1)** must be received before this reissue application can be allowed.

Claims 1-10, 101-112, 118-129 and 148-199 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration under **35 U.S.C. 251**. See **37 CFR 1.175**. The nature of the defect is set forth below.

Receipt of an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) will overcome this rejection under **35 U.S.C. 251**. An example of acceptable language to be used in the supplemental oath/declaration is as follows:

"Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant."

See **MPEP § 1414.01**.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- a) The following paragraph to be inserted on page 1, at the beginning of the specification:

---This application is a reissue of 08/578805, patent 5739667. More than one reissue application has been filed for the reissue of patent 5739667. The reissue applications are 10/383068 and the instant application, 09/548213.---

"If the reissue application is a division or a continuation of another copending reissue application, the related applications must be amended to include a cross reference to the other(s) at line 1 of the first page of the specification". 37 CFR 1.177.

- b) If an amendment of the reissue application is to be included, it must be made pursuant to paragraph (b) of **37 CFR 1.173(b)(1)**: "*Changes to the specification, other than to the claims, must be*

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*made by submission of the entire text of an added or rewritten paragraph, including markings pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, except that an entire paragraph may be deleted by a statement deleting the paragraph without presentation of the text of the paragraph. The precise point in the specification must be identified where any added or rewritten paragraph is located'. All subject matter being added to the patent **must be underlined**. All subject matter being deleted from the patent **must be placed between brackets**.*

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 101-112, 118-129 and 148-199 are objected to because of the following: the amendment submitted October 6, 2003 is not proper. All claims added to the patent must be underlined in their entirety. **37 CFR 1.173 (d)**. Appropriate correction is required.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statement filed May 4, 2006 fails to comply with **37 CFR 1.97(d)** because it lacks a statement as specified in **37 CFR 1.97(e)**. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-10 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited in PTO-892 and not mentioned above disclose related apparatus.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Pia Tibbits whose telephone number is 571-272-2086. If unavailable, contact

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the Supervisory Patent Examiner Karl Easthom whose telephone number is 571-272-1989. The Technology Center Fax number is 571-273-8300.

8. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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February 22, 2007

Pia Tibbits

Primary Patent Examiner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pia Tibbits', written over the printed name and title.